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**CENTRAL FAX CENTER****DEC 02 2005****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Title:** SUTURE PASSING DEVICES

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2005 (the "Office Action"), in which a three (3) month shortened period for reply is January 25, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks:

Please amend claims 50, 52, 53, 58 and 62 as follows.